

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Messinger on 7-14-08.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

-Specification, page 254, paragraph 2, lines 12-15,

Deleting "or a carrier wave or other signal carrying software over a communication path 526 (wireless link or cable) to communication interface 524. A computer usable medium can include magnetic media, optical media, or other recordable media, or media that transmits a carrier wave"

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 6-17, 19, the prior art fails to teach a system for providing gateway services in a voice communication system over a packet-switched network, comprising: a routing manager that manages usage on the gateway server, wherein the routing manager comprises: maintaining means for maintaining a list of routes; managing means for managing connections to the routing servers on the network; "exporting means for exporting local routes to routing servers; importing means for importing disseminated routes from routing servers; and prioritizing means for prioritizing matching routes," which is considered in combination with other limitations, as specified as, in the independent claim 6.

Regarding claims 25, 27, 28-30, the prior art fails to teach a system for routing server, comprising: first receiving means for receiving exported local routes from gateway servers, wherein said first receiving means for receiving exported local routes includes: requesting means for requesting exportable local routes from gateway servers; receiving means for receiving said exportable local routes from gateway servers; "transforming means for

transforming said exportable local routes into dynamic routes on the routing server; first storing means for storing said dynamic routes; second storing means for storing static global and disseminated routes; first providing means for providing said disseminated routes to gateway servers; determining means for determining a matching route," which is considered in combination with other limitations, as specified as, in the independent claim 25.

Regarding claims 40-44, 46-51, 53, the prior art fails to teach a method of providing gateway services in a voice communication system over a packet-switched network, comprising the steps of: managing route usage on the gateway server with a routing manager, wherein managing route usage includes: "exporting local routes to routing servers; importing disseminated routes from routing servers; caching said static and said dynamic routes for future use; and prioritizing matching routes," which is considered in combination with other limitations, as specified as, in the independent claim 40.

Regarding claim 74, the prior art fails to teach a computer program product for providing gateway services in a voice communication system over a

packet-switched network, said computer program product having computer program code embodied in computer-readable medium, said computer program code comprising: a third program code which causes means for enabling a computer to manage route usage on a gateway server with a routing manager including to: "export local routes to routing servers; disseminated routes from routing servers; caching said static and said dynamic routes for future use; and prioritize matching routes," which is considered in combination with other limitations, as specified as, in the independent claim 74.

Regarding claim 90, the prior art fails to teach a computer program product for providing routing services, said computer program product having computer program code embodied in computer-readable medium, said computer program code comprising: a third program code which causes means for to request exportable local routes from gateway servers; a fourth program code which causes a computer to receive said exportable local routes from gateway servers; a fifth program code which causes a computer to transform said exportable local routed into dynamic routes; a sixth program code which causes a computer to store said dynamic routes; and a seventh program code

which causes a computer to update said dynamic routes," which is considered in combination with other limitations, as specified as, in the independent claim 90.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUONGCHAU BA NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-3148. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Firmin Backer can be reached on 571-272-6703. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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